

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GERALD PEASE**, on February 1, 2005 at 3:15 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gerald Pease, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Peg Holwick, Committee Secretary
Todd Everts, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 194, 1/28/2005; SB 293,
1/28/2005; SB 131, 1/28/2005
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00

HEARING ON SB 194

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. RICK LAIBLE (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on **SB 194**, Requirements for certain minor quadracycle operators.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

00:03:55

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:43

HEARING ON SB 293

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JERRY BLACK (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on **SB 293**, Revise laws related to ethanol.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:45

REP. BOB BERGREN, HD 33, HAVRE

00:14:48

Richard H. Oppen, Director, Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

EXHIBIT(his25a01)

00:18:29

Mike Allen, Ethanol Producers and Consumers (EPAC)

EXHIBIT(his25a02)

00:22:59

Keith Schott, President, Montana Grain Growers Association

EXHIBIT(his25a03)

00:25:05

Harold Olson, Chairman, Pondera Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

00:26:13

Rich Clough, on behalf of self

00:27:08

Patrick Montalban, on behalf of self

00:28:28 Kenneth Michael, on behalf of self
00:32:40 Pat Joyce, Project Coordinator, Rocky Mountain
Ethanol
00:36:08 Donald Brelsford, Consulting Engineer, Bozeman,
Montana

EXHIBIT(his25a04)

00:41:08 Mona Jameson, Lobbyist for General Motors
00:41:58 Ken Wheeler Jr., Pondera Economic Development
Corporation (EDC)
00:43:50 Jerry Spencer, on behalf of self
00:44:50 Nancy Schelp, Montana Farm Bureau
00:46:38 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council

EXHIBIT(his25a05)

00:47:11 Tim Babcock, Executive Vice President, Agri-Tech
00:47:51 Dana Huestis, Director, Agri-Tech
00:51:12 John Stoner, on behalf of self
00:51:46 Dan Herzog, Montana Grain Growers Association
00:52:06 Tony Zinne, Montana Grain Growers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:53:23 Gail Abercrombie, Montana Petroleum Association

EXHIBIT(his25a06)

EXHIBIT(his25a07)

00:59:30 Dexter Buzby, Montana Refinery Company

EXHIBIT(his25a08)

EXHIBIT(his25a09)

01:02:13 Charles Fliegel, on behalf of self
01:05:45 Chuck Flynn, on behalf of self
01:07:37 Mike Hraban, District Director, Conoco Phillips
Pipeline Company

EXHIBIT(his25a10)

01:14:07 Tom Wrobel, Experimental Aircraft Association
01:17:04 Neil Salmi, Montana Antique Aircraft Association
01:18:56 Lance Seaman, Experimental Aircraft Association

EXHIBIT(his25a11)

01:19:23 **Ronna Alexander, Petroleum and Convenience Store
Association**
01:26:32 **Barbara Ramp, Montana Chamber of Commerce**
01:29:01 **Mike Ferguson, Aircraft Owners and Pilots
Association**
01:32:06 **John Maxness, Montana Aviation Trade Association
(MATA)**

Informational Testimony: None.

01:35:06 _____

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:57:37

Closing by Sponsor:

02:10:49 Break.

02:23:34 Resume.

02:23:58

HEARING ON SB 131

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JERRY BLACK (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on **SB 131**,
Restrict use of MTBE as gasoline additive.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:25:10 **Art Compton, Department of Environmental Quality
(DEQ)**
02:27:55 **Derrick Goldman, on behalf of self**
02:28:55 **Keith Schott, Montana Grain Growers Association**
02:29:22 **Pat Joyce, Rocky Mountain Ethanol**
02:30:41 **Gail Abercrombie, Montana Petroleum Association**
02:32:21 **Dan Huestis, Montana Grain Growers and Agri-Tech
Association**

Opponents Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

02:33:00 **Jim Brown, Department of Labor and Industry**

02:33:35

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:33:41

Closing by Sponsor:

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:53 P.M.

SEN. GERALD PEASE, Chairman

PEG HOLWICK, Secretary

GP/ph

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([his25aad0.PDF](#))